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TO: DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL
RE: SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY AGREEMENTS ON CONSENT

To whom it may concern:

As elected officials whose constituents are directly impacted by the activities that have taken place at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory ("SSFL"), and who submitted our joint letter in support of the Agreements in Principle on September 29, we respectfully submit the following comments on the final Agreements on Consent that have been reached between the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Department of Energy.

1. We are pleased that agreement has been reached between the parties to clean up the DOE's portions of this highly-contaminated site to background levels. The history of dangerous activities conducted at the SSFL is well documented, as well as the chemical and radioactive waste that has remained as a toxic legacy for more than a half century. This cleanup to background should provide the highest level of assurance possible that the health and safety of our constituents and all other residents in the area will, at last, be protected.
2. The key to all of this has been getting the Agreements in Principle commemorated into a final document that is both legally binding on the parties and fully enforceable. We commend the parties for reaching this historic point, and hope that this document will now provide a path for a similar agreement between California and NASA for cleanup up of the contamination of the areas of the site on which NASA conducted activities.
3. It is our expectation that the final document will be signed no later than December 6 as per the DOE's commitment. Over 1,700 comments in support of the Agreements in Principle were received from the public. It is now time for the parties to sign the Agreements on Consent, and to get on with the business of cleanup forthwith. The community has waited long enough.

Thank you,

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